

3913. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend section 304 of the Tariff Act of 1930 concerning the country of origin marking of certain imported articles and containers of a NAFTA country, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3914. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Work Incentive (WIN) Programs for AFDC Recipients; Removal of Obsolete Work Program Regulations (RIN: 1205-AB12) received June 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3915. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Regulations Under Section 1502 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; Limitations on Net Operating Loss Carryforwards and Certain Built-in Losses and Credits Following an Ownership Change of a Consolidated Group (RIN: 1545-AU36) received June 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3916. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Consolidated Returns—Limitations on the use of certain losses and deductions (RIN: 1545-AU35) received June 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3917. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Modifications of Debt Instruments (RIN 1545-AR04) received June 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3918. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Part III Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous (Revenue Procedure 96-37) received June 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3919. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Regulations Under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; Application of Section 382 in Short Taxable Years and With Respect to Controlled Groups (RIN 1545-AU37) received June 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3920. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Extensions of Time to Make Elections (RIN: 1545-AU41) received June 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3921. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Part IV—Items of General Interest—Processing of Returns Filed by Exempt Organizations to be Centralized in the Ogden Service Center (Announcement 96-63, 1996-29 I.R.B.) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3922. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's fiscal year [FY] 1997 budget request; jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and Appropriations.

3923. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report on the development of relative value units for the full range of pediatric physicians' services, pursuant to Public Law 103-432, section 124(b)(2) (108 Stat. 4413); jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

3924. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's March 1996 "Treasury Bulletin," pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 9602, 26 U.S.C. 9602(a), 26 U.S.C. 9505, 42 U.S.C. 10222(e)(1), 16 U.S.C. 1606a(c)(1), 31 U.S.C. 331(b), 42 U.S.C. 2297(g), and section 9633(b)(1) of CERCLA; jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Commerce, Agriculture, and Resources.

§82.4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2437. An Act to provide for the exchange of certain lands in Gilpin County, Colorado.

H. Con. Res. 102. Concurrent resolution concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3517. An Act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3525. An Act to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 3517) "An Act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon and appoints Mr. BURNS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. BYRD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

§82.5 CHURCH ARSON PREVENTION

On motion of Mr. HYDE, by unanimous consent, the bill (H.R. 3525) to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property; together with the following amendment of the Senate thereto, was taken from the Speaker's table:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) The incidence of arson or other destruction or vandalism of places of religious worship, and the incidence of violent interference with an individual's lawful exercise or attempted exercise of the right of religious freedom at a place of religious worship pose a serious national problem.

(2) The incidence of arson of places of religious worship has recently increased, espe-

cially in the context of places of religious worship that serve predominantly African-American congregations.

(3) Changes in Federal law are necessary to deal properly with this problem.

(4) Although local jurisdictions have attempted to respond to the challenges posed by such acts of destruction or damage to religious property, the problem is sufficiently serious, widespread, and interstate in scope to warrant Federal intervention to assist State and local jurisdictions.

(5) Congress has authority, pursuant to the Commerce Clause of the Constitution, to make acts of destruction or damage to religious property a violation of Federal law.

(6) Congress has authority, pursuant to section 2 of the 13th amendment to the Constitution, to make actions of private citizens motivated by race, color, or ethnicity that interfere with the ability of citizens to hold or use religious property without fear of attack, violations of Federal criminal law.

SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF VIOLENT INTERFERENCE WITH RELIGIOUS WORSHIP.

Section 247 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "subsection (c) of this section" and inserting "subsection (d)";

(2) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and (e), as subsection (d), (e), and (f), respectively;

(3) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

"(b) The circumstances referred to in subsection (a) are that the offense is in or affects interstate or foreign commerce.

"(c) Whoever intentionally defaces, damages, or destroys any religious real property because of the race, color, or ethnic characteristics of any individual associated with that religious property, or attempts to do so, shall be punished as provided in subsection (d).";

(4) in subsection (d), as redesignated—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by inserting "to any person, including any public safety officer performing duties as a direct or proximate result of conduct prohibited by this section," after "bodily injury"; and

(ii) by striking "ten years" and inserting "20 years";

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

(C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

"(2) if bodily injury results to any person, including any public safety officer performing duties as a direct or proximate result of conduct prohibited by this section, and the violation is by means of fire or an explosive, a fine under this title or imprisonment for not more than 40 years, or both;";

(5) in subsection (f), as redesignated—

(A) by striking "religious property" and inserting "religious real property" both places it appears; and

(B) by inserting ", including fixtures or religious objects contained within a place of religious worship" before the period; and

(6) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(g) No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for any noncapital offense under this section unless the indictment is found or the information is instituted not later than 7 years after the date on which the offense was committed.".

SEC. 4. LOAN GUARANTEE RECOVERY FUND.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Using amounts described in paragraph (2), the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (referred to as the "Secretary") shall make guaranteed loans to financial institutions in connection with